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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04350.0012-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard A. ESSER et al.

Serial No.: 09/689,615

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: RAPID DEPLOYMENT HAZMAT  
CONTAINMENT DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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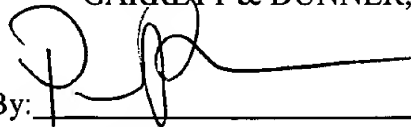
Enclosed is a reply to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2001. The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal
- ☒ Amendment
- ☒ Appendix To Amendment Dated March 22, 2002
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$425.00 (\$370.00 - RCE fee and \$55.00 - one-month extension fee)

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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